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Students named All-State Scholars for academic achievements

MADISON—Wisconsin's 120 All-State Scholars for 2009 may come from across the state, but they all have one thing in common: a commitment to their academic achievement.

"This group of students dedicated themselves to their academic studies, working hard to achieve their goals," said State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster. "While support systems like parents, teachers, and families provide necessary guidance and assistance, it is ultimately the individual efforts of these students that brought them success and the All-State Scholar award."

The students were chosen as All-State Scholars by a committee of school administrators based on overall grade-point average and scores for the ACT or SAT college admission tests. This year more than 600 students were nominated by their high school principals for this award. Schools with 400 or fewer students were entitled to nominate one graduating senior to the program. Schools with enrollments between 401 and 999 students could nominate two students, and schools with 1,000 or more students could nominate three graduating seniors.

The All-State Scholars program was founded in 1986 as one of the first of its kind to recognize students for their dedication to academic studies. A year later, the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship was added to support students' future academic studies. Pending full funding at the federal level, Byrd scholarships may provide \$1,500 per year, for up to four years. Students may use the scholarship at any postsecondary educational institution in the United States.

"It is so gratifying to be part of the Wisconsin tradition that recognizes student academic achievement," Burmaster said. "I encourage these graduating seniors to pursue further education and to contribute to the democratic principles and economic prosperity of our state and nation with their future endeavors."

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The Association of Wisconsin School Administrators' Foundation for Educational Administration, Wisconsin State Journal, Wisconsin Education Association Council, and Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction sponsor the All-State Scholars program.

This year's award ceremony and program to recognize Wisconsin's All-State Scholars will be held May 3 at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison. Harold Scheub, professor of African languages and literature at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will be the featured speaker. Assistant State Superintendent Deborah Mahaffey will present the welcome address, and Scott Milfred, editorial page editor for the Wisconsin State Journal, will serve as master of ceremonies. Jim Lynch, executive director of the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators, and Kim Haas, director of public relations for the Wisconsin Education Association Council, also will participate in the awards program.

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NOTES: A list of Wisconsin's 2009 All-State Scholars by Congressional District follows. This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2009_42.pdf.

2009 All-State Scholars

Congressional District 1

Christopher Besaw
Case High School, Racine

Eric Cooney
Craig High School, Janesville

Michael Earnest
Prairie School, Racine

Anne-Marie Giuca
Parker High School, Janesville

Tomas Goldsmith
Tremper High School, Kenosha

Allison Kallman
Franklin High School

Jason Knutson
Parker High School, Janesville

Andrew Langston
Craig High School, Janesville

Nathan Murray
Racine Lutheran High School

Cameron Niven
Big Foot High School, Walworth

Katherine Roehl
Parker High School, Janesville

Karen Schmidt
East Troy High School

Melissa Sobin
Tremper High School, Kenosha

Frank Wang
Craig High School, Janesville

Samuel Ward-Packard
Badger High School, Lake Geneva

Congressional District 2

Dianna Amasino
West High School, Madison

Jennifer Anderson
Sun Prairie High School

Reuben Arnold
Monroe High School

Amelia Bertozzi-Villa
Whitewater High School

Hanna Grooms
Middleton High School

Yang He
West High School, Madison

Mario Hevesi
Middleton High School

Joseph Loof
Fort Atkinson High School

Samuel McLaughlin
Edgewood High School, Madison

Bennett Naden
Middleton High School

Antonio Puglielli
Memorial High School, Madison

Benjamin Seeger
Memorial High School, Madison

Runqi Song
West High School, Madison

Amanda Spencer
Verona Area High School

Rachel Wang
Memorial High School, Madison

Congressional District 3

Melissa Abler
Logan High School, La Crosse

Zachary Blum
Hudson High School

Kurt Flesch
Platteville High School

Jessica Haley
Central High School, La Crosse

Matthew Harper
Lancaster High School

Noah Hofrichter
Reedsburg Area High School

Jacob Pittman
Hudson High School

Joseph Shook
Memorial High School, Eau Claire

Edward Tashjian
River Falls High School

Noelle Turk
Richland Center High School

Mark Van de Loo
Memorial High School, Eau Claire

Jordan Weibel
Menomonie High School

Amy Yin
Onalaska High School

Rachel Zimmerman
River Falls High School

Congressional District 4

Joseph Balistreri
Marquette University High
School, Milwaukee

Evan Bradtke
Milwaukee Lutheran High School

Erin Burke
Divine Savior Holy Angels
High School, Milwaukee

Peter Buschkopf
Wisconsin Lutheran
School, Milwaukee

David Chou
King High School, Milwaukee

Sean Conley
Marquette University High
School, Milwaukee

Alisa Damitz
Cudahy High School

Sondra Dean
South Milwaukee High School

Luke Demos
Cudahy High School

Leah Hoogstra
Milwaukee Lutheran High School

Elizabeth Jazwiecki
King High School, Milwaukee

Laura Mark
Divine Savior Holy Angels
High School, Milwaukee

Patrick McBride
Marquette University High
School, Milwaukee

Elizabeth Mosier
King High School, Milwaukee

Emily Sebald
Wisconsin Lutheran High
School, Milwaukee

Congressional District 5

George Bonadurer
Kettle Moraine High School, Wales

Elizabeth Carnahan
Eisenhower High School

Ryan Denu
Brookfield Central High School

Amanda Frankwick
Arrowhead Union High
School, Hartland

Ian Gee
Whitefish Bay High School

Emily Gerner
Brookfield Central High School

Kristen Goulee
Wauwatosa West High School

Kevin Henneck
Homestead High School, Mequon

Zachary Kaplan
Whitefish Bay High School

Leah Laux
Kettle Moraine High School, Wales

Kelly Le Doux
Wauwatosa West High School

Morgan Mayer-Jochimsen
Brookfield East High School

Brittany Stachota
Pewaukee High School

Steven Wolfsohn
Arrowhead Union High
School, Hartland

Brian Zhang
Oconomowoc High School

Congressional District 6

Anna Boatman
Fond du Lac High School

Erin Britton
Sheboygan North High School

Wyatt Brothers
Oshkosh North High School

David Carroll
Kimberly High School

Jacob Dahleen
Lincoln High School, Manitowoc

Jesse Dirkman
Mishicot High School

Adam Ford
Fond du Lac High School

Nikhita Navani
Manitowoc Lutheran High School

Jacob Riderer
Menasha High School

Nicholas Rosculet
Neenah High School

James Sawicki
Oshkosh West High School

Maria Schmitz
St. Mary Central High
School, Neenah

Kelly Suralik
Kohler High School

Kelsey Tarbert
Oshkosh North High School

Jill Tipton
Neenah High School

Congressional District 7

Joseph Burclaff
Wausau East High School

Eric Hansen
Marshfield High School

Thomas Hegland
Wausau West High School

Elizabeth Huston
Stevens Point Area Senior
High School

Carl Markgren
Rice Lake High School

Katherine Miller
Columbus Catholic High
School, Marshfield

Rachel Mueller
Lincoln High School
Wisconsin Rapids

Lucas Mynsberge
D.C. Everest High School, Weston

Peter Newhouse
Wausau East High School

Emily Oleson
Lincoln High School,
Wisconsin Rapids

Colin Rohm
Stevens Point Area Senior
High School

Kyle Schroeckenthaler
Stevens Point Area Senior
High School

Cameron Seiser
Wausau West High School

Steven Trochlil
Rhineland High School

Aaron Wright
Wausau West High School

Congressional District 8

Kristin Diedrich
Appleton North High School

Robert Hetue
Shawano Community High
School

Evan Liang
Southwest High School, Green Bay

Abigail Mannenbach
Bay Port High School, Green Bay

Nicholas Molzahn
Preble High School

MurphyKate Montee
Sturgeon Bay High School

Luke Povolny
Appleton East High School

Patrick Revord
Xavier High School, Appleton

Emma Sabel
Hortonville High School

Brian Semanek
Xavier High School, Appleton

Katherine Sheka
Pulaski High School

Jennifer Short
Preble High School, Green Bay

Ashley Verheyen
Wrightstown High School

Scott Warren
East High School, Green Bay

Danielle Westenberg
Preble High School, Green Bay